Governor Holden

When Governor Holden issued his war like proclamation against the people of Orange and Chatham counties we were among the foremost in our denunciations of the act. When he published his peace manifesto in the columns of the Raleigh Standard, over-looking his illegal assumptions of authority, which he subsequently in his message and in the war-bill introduced for him in the Senate by Mr. Shoffner, of Alamance, admitted to have been illegal, we were among the first to give him full credit for his pacific declarations. We endorsed his appointment of a peace messenger, though the election of the man carried with it some doubt of the honesty of his intentions. But we would not permit doubts to interfere with our determination to uphold the Governor in every conscientious effort to execute the laws of the State and protect the rights of the citizens. We appreciated the critical condition of affairs in that particular section; the imminent danger which threatened life and property; the certain sanguinary conflicts which would inevitably have attended the sending of undisciplined and lawless troops into those counties; the evil consequences which would have resulted to the whole State. We therefore disregarded the opportunity to make political capital from what might have been a fatal error of the Governor; and gave our hearty support in the paand, we trusted, patriotic and Governor of North Carolina in favor of peace and order. We desired to proffer the influence of the press in support of CHRISTMAS-SANTA CLAUS-KRISH KINKLE. the Executive in maintaining the supremacy, and in the equitable administration, of the laws of the State.

or permitted their doubts of the purposes judgments. We nevertheless hoped for the case on the annual return of the event allowed to keep late hours with the chil- mansion, claims and mostly receives his morning." the best, and were governed only by the for more than two thousand times before. solved to go forward to meet and aid him observed it on the 25th of December. forfeiting the good opinion of long from January 6th to December 25th. He the latter many a kiss is stolen which on Santa Claus and Krish Kinkle, the Christ- way. cherished friends.

officers who have been chosen to execute to relax no effort in behalf of the State, citizen to do his duty.

We therefore stand ready to-day, and will to-morrow, to do all we can to uphold the human race. It has always been rethe hands of the officers who have been put over us, in every just and honest attempt

pearance upon earth of the Redeemer of the human race. It has always been rethe human race of the human race. It has always been rethe human race of the huma to promote the common weal. We will give credit where credit is due, and shall riment and joy. In the middle ages the Eugland, the Yulelog plays an important censure only when silence is wrong. It day was celebrated by the gay, fantastic part. A large log is selected, and on was upon this principle that we commend- dramatic spectacles of that period, the Christmas Eve is placed in an open fireed the action of Governor Holden in his by the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, the wise night, and thereby acquire a magic healpacific declarations in regard to the affairs men, and surrounded by cherubs, bulls' ing power; the coals are gathered up and of Orange and Chatham, and it gave us heads, and other grotesque decorations. pleasure to do so because we would al- It is the tradition that Christ was born a talisman against disease and danger. ways prefer to praise rather than blame Catholic custom of ushering in the day custom known as the yule-goat; this is a the Governor of the State. It with the celebration of three masses -one fine cake, baked very hard, and bearing would be a matter of infinite satis at midnight, a second at early dawn, and the impress of a goat's head. During the faction to us if we could always speak of another in the morning-originated in the Christmas days it stands on the table of him with kindness, officially and person-bration of Christmas began in the latter cakes are retained till the coming spring, ally. We have entertained for him re- part of the previous day-"Christmas when man and maid servant, and beast, spect and friendship, and regret the course Eve." The house was first decked with receive each a cake as they go to the fields which he has adopted, resulting from holly, ivy, and other evergreens, and il- for the first time, carrying a blessing with what source it may, which has alienated luminated with candles of an uncommon them that insures a bounteous harvest. from him almost every friend he once had tom of singing carols, recalling the song approval of his official acts, which have been few, we have not been influenced by been few, we have not been influenced by dren, joined, combination in the merrilonger exists, nor in our condemnations, which have been many, have we been governed by prejudices, which probably upon the fire, while the people sat around have arisen upon the ruins of the past. The ynte-log of Christmas block was faid upon the fire, while the people sat around ded to his fortune. The result was fally satisfactory, but he was evidently not entered to probably upon the fire, while the people sat around ded to his fortune. The result was fally before him—deeds that the man was far regaling themselves with beer. In the daughters even the smallest dowry, and satisfactory, but he was evidently not entered to probably the satisfactory, but he was evidently not entered to probably the satisfactory, but he was evidently not entered to probably the satisfactory, but he was evidently not entered to probably the satisfactory and satisfactory to probably the satisfactory and satisfactory to probably the satisfactory and satisfacto We trust—we believe, that we have been course of the night small parties went thus, though each had an admirer, they tirely at his ease. The fact is, Mr. Brad- choking sensation in his throat, Bradbury you can be young at heart, and regain ment to her mother was noticed by the controlled by principle, by justice, by promote the welfare of the State.

In this joyful season of peace and goodbelieved his conduct had been prompted Raphael, in allusions to this custom, in- deaf as St. Nicholas," the merchant ad- way of putting it). done nothing positively bad, that we might at least, during the holidays, withhold our censure, and by our silence give hold on the part of this country, the bells and in some parts of this country, the bells and daily prayed. Christmas meanwhile try four hundred a year, had sat in that change of being a happy one. But we will a part of the four hundred a year, had sat in that try four hundred a year, had sat in that of the four hundred a year, had sat in that try four hundred a year, had sat in that of the four hundred a year, had sat in that try four hundred a year, had sat in that try four hundred a year, had sat in that of the four hundred a year, had sat in that try four hundred a year, had sat in that try four hundred a year, had sat in that try four hundred a year, had sat in that try four hundred a year, had sat in that try four hundred a year, had sat in that try four hundred a year, had sat in that try four hundred a year, had sat in that try four hundred a year, had sat in that try four hundred a year, had sat in that try four hundred a year had sat in that try four hundred a year had sat in that try four hundred a year had sat in that try four hundred a year had sat in that t hold our censure, and by our silence give origin in the Roman Paganalia, which count due the merchant thought to make would, after his death, come into a fortune isn't worth having?" hope of better things. But we cannot do was instituted by Servius Tullius B. C. him a surprise in sending him a fattened of more than a hundred thousand pounds, "I did not say it was not," said the 'I think—I believe she would be in lady of wealth and social position, and diasking the power over the lives and property of our citizens, and demands that the sacred right of labers common handed specific and property of labers common handed specific and property of the power over the lives and property of our citizens, and demands that the sacred right of labers common handed specific and property of the p down from "fathers of war-proof" and consecrated by their blood, should be suspended, in violation of the Constitution, at his will and pleasure. For his peace of the main chance, disapproved of the main chance, disapproved of the main chance, disapproved of the doctor was arrested on an eye to the main chance, disapproved of the doctor was arrested on an eye to the main chance, disapproved of the doctor was arrested on an eye to the main chance, disapproved of the doctor was arrested on an eye to the main chance, disapproved of the course he said, length you labor only to gather a heap of the form this peace of the main chance, disapproved of the doctor was arrested on an eye to the main chance, disapproved of the doctor was arrested on an eye to the main chance, disapproved of the doctor was arrested on an eye to the main chance, disapproved of the doctor was arrested on an eye to the main chance, disapproved of the doctor was arrested on an eye to the main chance, disapproved of the doctor was arrested on an eye to the main chance, disapproved of the course he said, length you labor only to gather a heap of the form the course he said, length you labor to the poor, praying the set with you to make it larger."

"Egad! and so I will," said Bradbury, bright the course he said, length you labor to the poor, praying the set with you to make it larger."

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State from the terrible consequences which will result from the attempted enforcement of such an act. God grant that tomorrow may indeed bring peace and good-will to the people of North Carolina.

CAPE FEAR AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION. Col. S. L. FREMONT, President of the Cape Fear Agricultural Association, under the authority vested in him by the Constitu. tion of the Association, has appointed the following gentlemen as members of the Executive Committee, viz:

Henry Nutt, S. S. Satchwell, Geo. W. Williams, J. A, Engelhard' Edward Kidder, John D. Taylor, W. L. Steele, R. K. Bryan, W. L. DeRosset, Jas. H. Chad-

The following officers are also ex officio members of the Executive Committee, viz: Vice Presidents, A. Dockery, H. T. Clark, T. S. Memory, J. S. Woodard, T. C. Mc- board. Ilhenny, A. A. McKoy, D. McMillan, C. J. O'Hagen, Alex. MacRae, J. C. McMilan, D. Murchison, T. D. McDowell, E. W. Fonville, P. E. Smith, W. S. Mullins, S. son; Recording Secretary J. C. Mann; Treasurer W. L. Smith.

gin on the first of January, and we have no doubt but that they will bend every energy to improving the Grounds of the Association, and contribute to make the return of the Fair the great anniversary of this section. Many improvements are contemplated and needed. We have confidence in the officers that all will be done

Following the usual and pleasant cuscourse which he had announc- tom we devote most of our space this mornabandoned party consider- ing to articles suitable to the day. We to second the efforts of the give below an interesting history of Christmas and the celebration attending it, for

of all good things, his journey with it chimneys are radiant visions of childhood, Our course brought upon our heads the which follow us into maturity and age, has men to Bethlehem. condemnation of friends, who did not come again, and the replenished stocking. fully realize the true condition of affairs, the decorated Christmas tree, and the as they call it, is lighted by a portion herring and green apples. gifts under manifold forms of surprise are saved from the last year, and the family In "Merry England" every person, from of Governor Holden to influence their as well-hilarious and happy, as has been

Christmas Day, so called from Christi go about from the villages, and make hil- who have not on this high feast day are next reason? honest intentions of our own hearts to pro- Massa, the mass of Christ, was not cele- airity, while others sing the festal songs almost universally furnished by those who mote the general good. We determined brated on the same day by all the primibeneath the windows, from house to have in abundance. Many of the ob- enough without anything else." that our efforts should be limited only by tive churches. For two or three centuries house, early Christmas morning. In Che- servances of the old time, grotesque in 6th of January, whilst the Latin Church singing parties in all private houses, and others that are lost with regret. Among of that sort?"

caused a formal investigation, and settled other days would be forbidden fruit. Ser- mas tree, and their pleasant accessories. upon the day now observed for the cele- vants hire from New Year's to Christmas, re- These pleasant observances are one after We are not among those who refuse to bration of Festorum Omnium Metropolis, as serving the six days, from December 25th another dropping away, and we fear in recognize the political situation, and scorn he styled the event. Mosheim, however, to January 1st, for festal freedom. Trough- this age without sentiment they will soon to acknowledge the authority of the civil calls in question this representation, and out England Christmas has always been become things of memory like the strains Mr. Bradbury in amazement. by many good authorities the change is a noted religious and marry festival. The of distant regretful music. attributed to Pope Telephorus, who first revels used to begin on Christmas Eve, It is in the Catholic churches especially the laws of the State, though they have instituted the feast, and who died A. D. and continue often until Candlemas, every that the day is commemorated in august bean cast to the surface by the throes of a 138. The point is involved in much ob- day being holiday until January 6th, and solemn ceremonial. Three times is great revolution. We have endeavored to scurity. According to Chrysostom, the Twelfthnight. In the houses of the no- mass celebrated in its most sublime and great revolution. We have endeavored to scurity. According to Chrysostom, the day was fixed by tradition, and not by any show them respect-nay, even honor, where dogmatical decision of any Pope. About reason" was appointed "to make the rarest when merning dawns, and a third time be nearest the mark. they have proved themselves worthy of it, the year A. D. 527 it is known that Diony- pastimes to delight the beholder." and when "the suu is in the mid-arch of heavthough we have the utmost contempt for sius Exiguus, a Scythian monk, fixed upon moted to power, and have no charity for | 753, when Lentulus and Piso were Consuls, | ruary 2. as the date of the birth of our Lord, and the personal degradation which has attend- this is both the day and the year which ed their political success. We did all we has been followed as the date of the Chris- with minstrelsie" to the principal table, Cathoric churches of this city these solemn and which enclosed a miniature. could, in the sanctum and on the hust- tian era up to the present time. The best was the first and famous Christmas dish .- and mystic ceremonies are celebraings, to defeat these men and save North authorities in our times are very generally It is the tradition that a student at ted with much grandeur. Those only Carolina from the present unfortunate con- day nor the year in which the Saviour of reading Aristotle, being suddenly and fu- amid the gorgeous splendors of the decodition, but submitted to the result mankind became incarnate, the date now riously attacked by a wild boar, rammed rations and the other imposing features of brate. This circumstance detracts but a This dish commemorates his valor. but fully recognizing the fact that now little from the exalted significance of the Lord, and at the same time as a festivity and art. of relaxation from labor and care, of mer- In Sweden, Norway, and the north of

> about the middle of the night, and the size, called Christmas candles. The cusment the strains of the organ, tambour guitar, and violin, each participant, if in the night, bearing in the hand a torch.—

should have been passed. His slumbers the practice of the ancient Druids. Ivy, two eldest daughters. The merchant dis- his ledger, and not feeling disposed to go is an opportunity of treating yourself to a And now how do you feel?"

with laurel. It is also one of the tradi- daughter. the evergreen must now lend its orown, Claus. symbol of the Tree of Paradise that bore is known as the forbidden fruit. The Christian faith God, and again regain Paradise. This is instead of the sugar-plums from Krish the reason why we place the blooming en rod" from Pelsuichol. tree with golden apples on the Christmas

old style Christmas day, January 5th. In parts of Ireland at night they used to set a sieve of oats as high as they could, and place around it twelve lighted candles, with a large one, also lighted, in the centre-an emblem of Christ and his twelve which we know our readers will thank us: Apostles, as lights in the world. In Glou- the latter being frequently suspended in four months yet." cestershire the same is done by building the centre of the room, the lady who is ones in the fields. In Staffordshire they German peasants try to have something reason, sir, if you please?" through the air, and descent down all build one fire only, an emblem of the green to eat, especially fresh cabbage; but, guiding star which conducted the wise in default of this, they will even press has no money, or next to none; and a very stranger. And Bradbury thought of one _____, then just budding into woman-

In Cornwall the "Yule log," or "mock, dren of elder growth. "Goosey dancers" plum-pudding on Christmas day. Those all, both rich and poor, deck their houses these which have happily been retained,

A soused boar's head, borne in great late Virgin at Bethlehem, and His mystic agreed, however, that this is neither the Queen's College, Oxford, while on a walk, who have heard on these occasions,

been fixed upon throughout all Christen- our Saviour, as a new born child, was laid transcendent impressions of the scene. tom as the commemorative feast of the ap- upon straw in the manger. This mangerpearance upon earth of the Redeemer of worship, as it was called in the middle ages.

preserved during the year, to be worn as

In these northern lands there is also a

is one of the most popular saints of Catho-

should have been passed. His slumbers must be rendered hideous by the very enormity of the iniquity which is sought to the perpetrated upon the people of North Carolina. Can we hope—dare we hope, that this time for reflection—this opportune season for the growth of the popture season for the growth of the perpetrated upon the people of the neighbor of the perpetrated upon the people of the neighbor of the favorite trimmings. It was an old belief the across of a duck, misledee, holly, rosemary, bays and laure are to be dest daughters. The merchant dismisledee, holly, rosemary, bays and laure are to be determined that he great pleasure by conferring much happisom to be determined that he great pleasure by conferring much happisom to be determined that he great pleasure by conferring much happisom to be determined that he great pleasure by conferring much happisom to be determined that he great pleasure by conferring much happisom to be determined that he great pleasure by conferring much happisom to be determined that he case of a duck, work he had always been intending to do the case of the ease was postponed for twenties to bed, Mr. Bradbury determined that he work to bed, Mr. Bradbury determined that he great pleasure by conferring much happisom to be determined that he work to bed, Mr. Bradbury determined that he were one to be an unit pole of the case of an duck, work he had always been intending to do the case, and learning how the poor man had upon to dea how this matter has brought an action against twenty work he had always been intending to do the desired themselves in the deady of the case, a

him to hesitate, and may yet save the though the windows of the chapels of the one hundred and fifty ducats for the ment. By way of making a beginning, convince you. Benjamin Bradbury, how "And now don't you want to know to whom two great English universities are decked dowery of the poor shoemaker's youngest Bradbury pulled out of the corner a bun- old were you when you were married, and

fruit. To give to this faith a visible form, known altogether by the name-Santa replied:

and bear golden apples amid the fragrant | In Germany and other Northern Eulustre of wax tapers, that illumine the ropean countries, the traditional benefac-

KRISH KINKLE,

imagined new apples on these trees during a name - Christ-kindlein-Christ-Infantthis sacred eve fruits of redemption. And anderstood to be derived from the circumthus the apple through which Paradise was stance that a representation of the Infant lost, became the token of redeeming love Saviour in the manger formed a part of through which we are again reconciled to their Christmas decoration. Bad children, the medieval mysticism of the apple, and Kinkle, find in their stockings "the birch-

It is another of the fancies which old is also derived from the German and other people still remember as the tradition of Protestant districts in the North of Eutheir early days, that at midnight on rope. The first forming of the Christmas | the folds of her drapery with feminine ex- "all boy-and girl nonsense." Christmas eve the oxes always fall on their tree in England is believed to have been actness. knees; and it was added, in our case, that done by a German in the household of W. Cole, R. T. Fulgum and W. T. Atkin- no person who attempted to watch the Queen Caroline, wife of George IV., and dear sir?" ceremony returned alive. This tradition who saw few happy Christmas trees after comes from a prevalent notion of the mid- her marriage in 1795. The Germans of pliant posture. The ancient prints and the bed, Krish Kinkle, the Christmas an old Latin poem of the fifteenth century | trree-at an early period into that State, commemorate this belief. There is also a while Santa Claus came with the Hollandalways budded on the 24th and blossomed English Church, whose heavy hand they bed for at least an hour and a half, and kind enough to take any one of that bun- Wednesday last, offering a reward of \$1000 on the 25th of December, and that after had felt, gave little quarter to any of the was probably sound asleep, he took courdle of letters, and tell me what you think for the return of Corunia Lewis, a child the change from old to new style it still English Church festivals. It has not been age. continued to blossom on the same day, till within the present century that this which, after the change, was the 5th of festival has been much observed. Within January. Slips from this shrub are said the last twenty years, however, a great to be preserved, which blossom still on the change has been wrought, and the day is ridiculous! now very generally observed in all the New

England States. In Germany, as well as in this country. all varieties of evergreens are used in decosourkrout into the service. In some re- good reason it is." gions a favorite dish is a salad made of

time began, His birth from the Immacu-

Hark, the herald angels sieg, Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled!

A PLEASANT CHRISTMAS STORY.

"Married indeed! Married!" And just to impress on his own mind the enormity of the thing, he said it again, "Married! better now." Well, I'm sure! what next?"

sanctum late on the evening of the 24th of | you?" December, in the year ---. I'm not quite sure about the year, but you'll be mind that."

find him in at present. The earliest legend of his appearance at Mr. Bradbury had been looking over his memories of generous impulses eagerly so?" Christmas is derived from the Italians. private accounts and calculating how many acted upon; of deeds of boyish disinter- "It is! indeed it is!" The yule-log or Christmas block was laid Giraldi, a shoemaker of Verrara, was very thousands the last twelve months had ad- estedness done by the curly-headed lad about from house to house chanting these were left unmarried. The father prayed bury had that morning received a proposal simple popular ditties, full of joyful alluto his patron saint, St. Nicholas, that he for the hand of his only daughter, the "No; on truth, and by a desire and purpose to sions to the Redeemer; and it is still the would interpose with a miracle. A neight child of his first wife—and, to make the I was happier then." custom, during the last days preceding bor, a rich merchant, one day overhear- matter worse, a rascal without a penny.

so while war measures are pending in our 550. On these festivals, celebrated at the and roasted duck with the three hundred and had moreover assured him that the Sprite. "Money is good as a means, but favor of it." State Legislature, while the Governor is beginning of the year, an altar was erect- gold pieces sewed up in the body. The young lady herself was just as anxious for not as an end. It is good because it will "And you know whether she would have lost, about three weeks ago her only the sacred right of habeas corpus, handed speaks of a spot, in which Roman coins race. The merchant therefore sold the eye to the main chance, disapproved of you, grovel in the earth so long, that at rests with you to make it larger." mind, at least, it were better that the bill churches with evergreens is derived from las!" and divided the sum between his out of his head. So now, having closed

dle of old letters, and untied a faded green | what was your wife's fortune?" tions that during the eve preceding Christ- The meaning of this legend is, that a ribbon, with which they were bound, and mas day, certain vineyards of the Holy beneficent Providence watches over and as he did so, with the one subject still up- B—, up stairs, and fancied he saw a I should like to know uncommonly." Land assumed their vernal robes, and even takes care of the poor who are honest, re- permost in his mind, he made the exclama- loop-hole. the withered roses of Jericho became ligious, and truthful. The tradition runs tion above mentioned. It was not addresfresh and beautiful. In the middle ages it that since that time St. Nicholas pays a sed to any one, seeing that there was nowas a popular idea that during Christmas visit every Christmas night to all whom body there; and therefore Mr. Bradbury eve certain apple trees bloomed and bore he thinks worthy of his favors. He is naturally felt surprised when a silvery voice sylphide were fixed on him with a threat-

and why not?"

gifts intended to cheer the heart. This tor of the children, with his Christmas among the old letters in Bradbury's hand; she was a good little girl, with a bright ings, I put good thoughts into the hearts evergreen, with its golden apples, is the budget for the good children's stockings, and, from an envelope somewhat larger loving face for her only dowry. And you, of the old people. My name is Santa than the rest, emerged a lady of most daz- sir, what was your income then?" zling appearance. She was decidedly diminutive, being of only about six inches penitently. stature, but of admirable symmetry. She wore a garment of gossamer texture, the made it enough, didn't you." skirts of which distended in the most approved ballet fashion, were looped up with | were as happy as the day is long. ruby hearts, connected with true lovers' knots in white satin ribbon, and her wreath said the Sprite. "This young couple are to Mr. Bradbury's table; and there, after a open; and you know yourself they love that packet of old letters, but he has never coquettish dance, seated herself on the each other dearly.' closed lid of a big inkstand, and arranged "Love a fiddle-stick," said Bradbury, bly her time is pretty freely occupied; for

"Why shouldn't they be married, my yourself, sir, I suppose?" Bradbury's first feeling, after he had once recovered from a shock of his visi- Now, do you think you would know your dle ages that an ox and ass present at the Pennsylvania brought their Teutonic cus- tor's unexpected appearance, was in dread own hand writing?" And she looked How a Good-Looking Poor Man Married The official term of these gentlemen be- Nativity fell upon their knees in a sup- toms-the stocking hung at the foot of lest Mrs. B. (who was a person of rigid searchingly at Mr. Bradbury, with her propriety and a fine flow of language) head on one side, and a mischievous twinshould come in unawares, and find him in kle in her eyes, like an Old Bailey barristhe company of such a lady with extraor- ter who is getting a witness into a fix, and tradition that in the churchyard of Glaston- ers into New York. In New England, dinary short petticeats. But on reflection, intends to be down upon him tremendousbury Abbey was a famous hawthorne, that where the Puritanic prejudices against the remembering that his wife had been in ly in a minute. "Perhaps you will be the Boston morning newspapers of

-that's the point." young, for one thing. Why, it's only the wife, in the happy days of their courtship. usual share of good looks, splendidly edurating, though here, as in England, the other day since the child came home from A strange sensation fluttered at Bradbury's cated, who was studying to be a physician. holly and the misletoe are the favorites, school, and she won't be twenty-one for heart, and a mist seemed to come before He was poor-so poor that he had hardly

Santa Claus, whose traditional budget a large fire, surrounded by twelve smaller caught under it forfeiting a kiss. The She'll soon get over that. What's the next faults in plenty, both in meter and phra- a gentlemanly bearing, which attracted to-

got ?" "About four hundred a year from his again with unfading pleasure, till, like the she had more money than she knew what making millions of young hearts—and old gathering around indulge in games and the alms house and the prison, the poor- business and a hundred of private proper- frayed edges of the paper they were writ- to do with, being an heiress of a ver

the course of the Governor himself. We re- the Eastern Church kept the feast on the shire, entertainments are provided these their nature, have well passed away with then? He is not dissipated or anything facing all noble aspirations and generous had been a nobody before, blossomed others that are lost with regret.

known you ever since you was a boy,'

"Ever since you was a boy; yes, and good many people older than you.' "You've known me ever since I was a And with a sharp pain at his heart Brad- it all, in the fondness of her love. As the boy? Why, you'r not more than-"

whose authority lasted from "All-Hallows en"-significant of the three births of Our since you were a young man, if it saits you Bradbury! Every one of those tears is solved to build a stunning mansion in the the means by which they have been pro- the 25th of December, in the year of Rome the Throng the 25th of December, in the year of Rome the Throng the 25th of December, in the year of Rome the Throng portrait as you were then.'

"Open it." with the best grace possible, determined generally received being April 6, B. C. 4, his book into the animal's throat, crying the service. "For unto us a Child is born," it he found, to his astonishment, that electric wires our sweetest pleasures come. immediately entered upon a fast life. The nearly four years prior to the date we cele- Greecum est, and choked him to death.— and other sublime portions of Handel's Mrs. B—'s had disappeared, and had If man, in his blindness, snap the cords, company he kept was none of the best, glorious "Messiah," peal forth from the given place to a life-like representation of those dearest pleasures shall come to him and he is accused of having on several oc-In some countries straw is used as an organ and the choir above the kneeling himself forty five years younger. Few no more. The various relations and de- casions introduced dangerous men to his more than ever was it necessary for every festival. It is sufficient that this day has emblem in Christmas festivities, because worshippers, are able to appreciate the would have recognized the wrinkled, griz-pendencies of humanity are to each one wife for the purpose of entrapping her inzled Bradbury of to-day in the curly-hair- as the boughs of the parent tree. They to such a position as would enable him to

lar, and put his fingers through his hair, a thrill of pleasure to his heart. But let not transpired. Putting up at the Mansion with a sort of paternal pride in his younger him lop the branches which derived their House, he represented himself as being a

better looking man in those days, as you shine and the rain may fall, but he is sen- most fashionable society. Visitors at the say-and a better hearted one in the bar- sitive to their influences no longer; he watering place last summer may remember gain, I fancy. If you had but one loaf, in shall be cold and dead at heart forever. a young man, dressed very neatly, and in those days, you would give away half to Benjamin Bradbury, for the last half of with his coat usually held together by a any one who needed it more."

The speaker was Mr. Benjamin Brad. you don't know better now; you have got equal to that produced in the old days by that the stables afforded. bury, the eminent building contractor, hard and selfish, and you keep all you can the gift of a penny in real loving charity? On his return to Boston he pretended and the above observation was made by get, and let the needy go without; but Have you ever had the happiness of re- to be religious. He gave out that he had Mr. Bradbary when comfortably seated you don't know better. Do people like ceiving a poor man's blessing? Have you been converted to the Epispopal Church, behind his writing desk, in his private you better now than they did then, think ever had the pleasure of seeing in your and went to a place of worship of that

in just such employment as we happen to former self; and as he gazed, long for- feeling, the pleasant inward warmth which ceeded in obtaining an order for a jury

gotten memories thronged into his mind- you had in those boyish days. Is it not trial. Mrs. Lewis claims to have strong

Christmas, for the Calabrian ministrels to ing his simple petition, ridicaled the idea (Not that Frank Wilson was a rascal, or the Sprite. "No man can violate the a loveless life, and sell her for gold, for an is reciprocated that dislike of the child. descend from the mountains to Rome sa- that St. Nicholas would thus interpose for penniless in reality; on the contrary, he laws of his being and encase himself within existence such as your second union has He would once in a while put his arms will we wish we could conscientiously of luting the shrines of the Virgin Mother his daughters, and told him that his saint was an honorable young fellow, with a the hard panoply of Self without paying a been?" refer to the recent course of Governor with their songs, under the poetical notion was Buonajuto, the Jew, who lent money small but increasing income; but Mr. heavy penalty. The sympathetic thrill "Heaven forbid!" HOLDEN with approval. We wish we cheering her until the birth-time so near. at two per cent. a month. "He is not so Bradbury had large ideas, and that was his awakened in the breast by the knowledge "I am sure you would not. Now think At last, finding all other means useless of another's happiness, created by your over this young man's proposal in a gen- with a view of influencing his wife to with troduces into his picture of the Nativity a ded, "and if you know how to manage you | He could hardly believe his own ears when | means, is a higher pleasure than any gold | erous spirit. You know full well that | draw the suit or compromise the matter, by a desire to advance the best interests of the State. We wish, even, that he had the State. We wish, even, that he had the State wish, even, that he had the state of the State with the state of the State with the state of th

thing in what you say, though." "Well, then, to come to the point; here Bradbury. I was sure you'd consent. ping his own daughter." By request of

"Bradbury!" and the bright eyes of the |gness." ening glance-"Bradbury, you're prevari- Bradbury. "Give it up." "Married, Mr. Bradbury ?-certainly, cating! When you married your first wife, Kate's mother, you were three-and-twenty; At the same moment there was a flutter a light-hearted lad like that portrait; and puts good things in the children's stock. "Seven dollars a week," said Bradbury, have told you." And she vanished out of

> "Not princely, Mr. Bradbury, but you "Ay, that we did," said Bradbury, "and

"I should think I was," said Bradbury. "Very good," said the lady, "very good.

"Why not, ma'am ?" said Mr. Bradbury, Bradbury did as he was ordered. The kidnapped from the St. James Hotel on passing his fingers through his stubby first paper he laid his hands upon had the afternoon of November 28 by a man hair-"why not? Because-because-its been enclosed in the envelope from which who is minutely described in height and the sprite had emerged. It was yellow with appearance, and manner, but whose name "But why is it ridiculous, Mr, Bradbury age and sadly frayed at the edges. He is;not given. opened it, and recognized it as a "valen- Nine years ago, William H. Lewis was a "Of course it's ridiculous. Kate's too tine," sent in years long ago to his dead young man blessed with more than the his eyes, as he read the long forgotten a penny that he could call his own-but "Youth is a fault that mends itself. lines. They were his own, and exhibited what he lacked in wealth he made up in seology, but they breathed a warmth and ward him every person with whom he came "The next reason is that young Wilson life to which his heart had long been a in contact. About this time he met Miss to whom those lines, rough and irregular hood, and one of the acknowledged belle-"So it is, decidedly. How much has he as they were, had been the perfection of of fastidious Boston. She was rick-so poetry; who had read them over and over rich that her friends firmly believed that drink to the "mock," the children being est beggar and the outcast, to the palatial ty, according to what he told me this ten upon, the gentle life had worn away, wealthy estate in the vicinity of Boston and he had been left alone. Alone ! de- that of the Buffington family. She be-"Very good, Mr. Bradbury. What's the prived of her whose sweet presence had came infatuated with Lewis, and in the orcherished all loving thoughts and tender dinary course of such events, married ' Next, indeed! I think that's quite sympathies-who by her gentle influence him. It was a case of love on her side. had prevented the cares of business and of money on his. "You have no personal objection to him, the toilsome struggle for success from ef- | Soon after the marriage, Liewis, who sympathies from his once warm heart .- forth into the most stylish young married "On the contrary, I believe he is a And Bradbury remembered now, when man in town. His friends did not ascribe in every honest attempt to promote the Pope Julius I., who died A. D. 352, has for fourteen days with the sacred holly and and which we hope may long continue, are steady, hard-working young fellow.— she had gone, that the good influence had this gorgeous change to any sudden rise in welfare of the State, even at the risk of usually the credit of transferring the feast attendant misletoe, and under the shade of the evergreen decorations, the budget of No; I have nothing against him in that slowly faded away, and had left him world- the price of pills; for, in fact, he quite y and avaricious with the last best relic of abandoned the study of his profession. -"Very good," said the visitor. "Nou, his former self, his love for her child, de- His wife, in her fond simplicity, placed all Benjamin Bradbury, listen to me. I've generating into a vain ambition to see her her means at his service, and he took her well endowed with the gold which he had money and used it unsparingly, while at "You've known-what?" exclaimed made his god, and then came a bitter the same time he repaid her with coldness thought of his second marriage-a mar- and neglect, preferring anybody else's a riage made for money only, and of which company to here, This cut her to the

> bury covered his face with his hands. Here Mr. Bradbury stopped short, not "You do not scoff at love now," said the outrage, insolence, and infidelity. feeling sure whather sixteen or six would Sprite. "The tears which steal through Shortly after they were married they "Don't interrupt, sic; we'll say ever in your frozen heart. Weep on, Benjamin sirous of astonishing his poor friends, re-Learn this-you knew it once, learn it place selected, a beautiful spot near Dor-As she spoke she tonched with her hand again-and cherish the truth in your heart chester, from which is a magnificent panostate and solemnity "upon a silver plate birth in the hearts of the faithful. In the an old case which was lying on the table forever—that every man who walks this ramic view of Boston harbor and its Bradbury took the case with a slight in- He created man, ordained that none should her, the house was built according to ward chuckle, knowing as he thought, live for himself alone. Each one is linked Lewis' plans and specifications at a cost of that the portrait was that of a deceased by cords invisible to friends, to kinsfolk, \$20,000 of her money. After it had been uncle of his wife. However, on opening to humanity at large; and along these finished, Lewis refused to live in it, and One of the grandest inspirations of the edyoung fellow full of life and merriment, derive their strength and sap from him, gain an advantage over her. At last hu Protestant Christmas is the song by Rev. which the portrait represented, but Brad- but they render as much as they receive. man nature could stand the perpetual

"Bless my soul," said he, "so it is! 'Pon each leaf shall catch a breath of the cool about a year ago Mrs. Lewis applied to own home circle, or among those you call con munion pretty regularly, saying his "Dare say they don't; but I don't much your friends, faces gladden or eyes grow prayers behind a nineteen dollar book, brighter at your presence? You know while at the same time he was busy circu-

"If such is really your feeling, the reali- will succeed in obtaining a verdict in her much, very much, of the feelings of those little girl Corunia, young as she was, and "No; on the whole, I think-I suppose old happy days. But the act must be whenever William came to visit his wife of your own, and you may make a beginning late the child would express its hatred to "Happier! To be sure you were," said now. Would you condemn your child to its father by clinging to its mother. Lew

sel be, think you?"

"That's right, and like a good fellow, and examined on the charge of "kidnap

you are indebted, you ungrateful man." "Pon my honor, I quite forgot that we Bradbury thought of the second Mrs. weren't old friends," said Bradbury. "But

"This is my password," said the lady, "I was fifty-three, I believe, and she giving a smart postman's rap on the table brought me thirty-five thousand pounds." with her wand. "Now, perhaps, you can "Never was good at guessing," said

> "Well," said the lady, "I belong to the household of Santa Claus, and while he Clara. Mind you do not forget what I sight without even saying "good night." So Frank and Kate were married, and

lived happy ever afterward, as might naturally have been expected. Old Bradbury was immensely improved, but he hasn't "You're condemning yourself, you see," finished setting his desk to rights yet. Every Christmas Eve he shuts himself was of similar material. This angelic be- older than you and your wife were then, up in his room, after everybody else about ing tripped lightly from the open envelope and have a good deal more to keep house the house has gone to bed, and reads over

had another visit from Santa Clara. Proba I rather fancy she has her hands full in "You're quite above that sort of thing trying to soften the many flinty hearts in this world.

A STORY FROM BOSTON.

A Rich Young Woman_Educated Bru. tality_Life at Long Branch_Divorce Hypocracy and Kidnapping.

An advertisement appeared in several of seven years of age, who, it alleges, was

years rolled on his coldness ripened into

your fingers show that there is some life concluded to take a house, and Lewis, de earth is by the bond of common humanity islands. The wife opposed this selection, linked to every other. Our Master, when but notwithstanding that it nearly crazed While his branches wave around him, abuse, insult, and infidelity no longer, and

drop of the refreshing rain; and every Last summer Lewis cut a great swell at And Bradbury pulled up his shirt col- genial influence thus received shall send Long Branch, but upon whose money has life from him, and he shall be like the "single man." He lived in the most ex-"Yes, Benjamin Bradbury, you were a trunk blasted by lightning. The sun may travagant style, and was courted by the your life such have you been. You have single button, the button-hole supporting "So I would," said Bradbury. "What a tried to shake off all loving sympathies, a rose. He was known among the mardonkey I must have been ! But I know and you have well nigh succeeded. And riageable belles as the "handsome bachelor what has your life been? Have you once from Boston." He was thought to be a "No you don't, Benjamin Bradbury; known in all your life a thrill of pleasure millionaire, and drove the finest turnout

> and positive evidence of her husband's infidelity, and it is quite probable that she

around her, but Corunia realized instinctively that the embrace was a cold one .-

vorced from her husband, mysteriously ing, in charge of hor father, Dr. Wm. H. counsel, the case was postponed for twen-

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